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Returning deployers:

Anyone who is returning from a deployment and mailed themselves a "gorilla box," please pick up your boxes. So many "gorilla boxes" have been mailed from downrange that the post office is literally running out of space for packages.

52nd Fighter

Responsible Drinking Scoreboard





Last ARM: March 28; units, 52nd LRS, 52nd FMS and 606th ACS

Last DUI 41 days ago

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Weekend weather

Sat. May 24 Partly cloudy

High 22C/72F Low 10 C / 50F

Sun. May 25 Cloudy/rainy

High

16C/61F Low 10 C / 50F



Police Week ceremony honors fallen comrades

Airmen raise a flag during an event hosted by the 52nd Security Forces Squadron in honor of Police Week, which lasted from May 12 to 16. The week culminated with a formal retreat ceremony honoring fallen comrades lost in the line of duty.

Actors/comedians to entertain troops at Spang on USO Tour

ARLINGTON, Va. — The USO and TV One are gearing up to take the network's top-rated original comedy competition series, "Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes?," directly to U.S. troops in Germany, where it will film a special "tribute to troops" episode as part of a USO/Armed Forces Entertainment tour May 24 to 28. Traveling to the region to show their support of America's heroes, the show will tape two live television shows at the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Rhine Ordnance Barracks Special Event Warehouse at 7 and 8:30 p.m. May 24. The show's cast, actors/comedians Bill Bellamy, Tommy Ford and Rodney Perry, will also visit wounded service members at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (May 24) and perform stand-up for troops stationed at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart (May 26) and Spangdahlem Air Base (May 27).

Dedicated to those serving both stateside and overseas, the show recently wrapped up filming in Birmingham, Ala., and Washington, D.C., and will tape its semi-finals round for troops in Germany. Closing in on the show's third season quest to find and showcase some of today's hottest talent, only two of the eight up-and-coming comics will advance to the finals at the Wilshire Theater in Los Angeles on June 14.

The special episode will air in

September and will feature personal messages from the show's stars, exclusive behind-the-scenes footage of USO entertainment and shoutouts from service members stationed in Germany. The segment will also feature a three-person panel composed of servicemembers stationed in the region.

"There are two things I enjoy most in life - laughing and making people laugh," Bellamy said. "Laughter is important, it gets people through the best and worst of times, and today's troops need it today more than ever. They work so hard and sacrifice so much, and my goal is to give them a

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Top Saber Performer



Name: Staff Sgt. Jessica

Unit: 52nd Fighter Wing Equal

Opportunity

Duty title: EO Adviser Hometown: Deland, Ill. Years in service: Seven Why joined: The endless opportunities the military affords

Family: Husband, Matt, and two Boxers.

Hobbies: Golf and running. **Favorite aspect of job:** Teaching

Most memorable Air Force experience: Deploying as a maintainer. Words cannot describe the feelings I had when our aircraft would come down with an empty gun barrel. At that point you know your efforts saved someone's life.

Dress and appearance it's your responsibility

by Senior Master Sgt. Valerie J. Weaver 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Most people can drive around the base and spot at least one person out of regulations in their uniform. This may be because Airmen are not as aware of uniform changes as they occur or become effective.

First Sergeants are typically viewed as those who enforce the standards, or "watch dogs."

Here are some uniform violations most commonly observed, both above and below the belt:

"Take your hands out of your pockets," said Master Sgt. Lawrence Anderson, 52nd Operations Support Squadron.

"Pants (BDUs, PT shortslpants) belong on your waist, not your hips," said Master Sgt. Tammy Robel, 702nd Munitions Squadron.

Above the equator, Master Sgt. Jody Wray, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, said, "My big issue is eating, drinking and talking on a cell phone while walking in uniform. I seem to see it everywhere."

Senior Master Sgt. Art Heller, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, said, "I continuously see folks wearing headsets while running. This is a serious safety issue." Not only is it a safety issue, but it is also not allowed per the Security Forces AFI. You just might get that nice, expensive iPod confiscated.

Here's one for the ladies from Master Sgt. Nicole Johnson, first sergeant for the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"One of my biggest pet peeves is ladies' purses. Everyone wants to have the 'hot new Coach bag', and they pay a pretty penny for it." According to AFI 36-2903, purses must be plain black leather or vinyl without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap, with or without single-placed silver or gold-colored clasp. They may have up to two adjustable shoulder straps with or without buckles, and may be patent leather or high gloss not to exceed 13 x 9 x 4 1/2 inches deep. Carry a conservative, plain

The bottom line is that the Air Force is not a fashion show, otherwise women would not be allowed to wear the cool-looking men's low-quarters with the blues skirt, right?

People who pick and choose which uniform rules they want to follow could potentially do the same for anything else: Guard the base?

Let everyone on!

Perform maintenance on multi-million dollar air-

Don't worry about those extra parts.

Process paperwork?

Who cares if someone gets paid on time!

If the little things aren't done correctly, how can supervisors expect the "important" things to be taken

Have pride in the uniform you are wearing. Think about that the next time you're tempted to stick your hands in your pockets.

New Extended Care Clinic hours

Extended Care Clinic hours will change June 1. In order to more efficiently meet the demand for appointments, the Extended Care Clinic will be closed on Sundays and more appointments will be made available during the week. To make an appointment at the Extended Care Clinic or other clinics, please call the access to care line; walk-in appointments are not available

- Monday through Friday from 1 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon
- · Closed on Sundays
- Holidays/family days from 8 a.m. to noon
- Training days from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To meet medical needs on Sundays, the following resources are available:

- Access to Care Line: call 452-8333 (06565-61-8333) to speak with a Primary Care Nurse or the Nurse Advice Line 24-hours a day.
- Online resources: To access healthcare information please log on to

www.tricareonline.com

• Emergency care: Local emergency rooms can be found in Bitburg, Wittlich,

The 52nd Medical Group is dedicated to providing quality healthcare services for our beneficiaries. During this summer, we will be experiencing staffing shortages, which may require brief waiting lists for routine appointment requests. We ask for your understanding and flexibility as we utilize all available resources to continue meeting the healthcare needs of the 52nd FW community. In addition to on-base care, we are fortunate to have an excellent relationship with our German healthcare network. In the event of a medical emergency requiring a downtown emergency room visit or a referral to network providers, the 52nd MDG has provided Patient Liaison Officers at all major local hospitals to assist you with any language concerns and to facilitate your overall healthcare experience.

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Col. Thomas J. Feldhausen

Accessing Direct Line

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Direct Lines of general interest will be published in The Saber Herald and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call The Saber Herald at 452-5244 for more informa-

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show that brings smiles to their faces, even if only for a couple of hours."

Offering audiences worldwide the chance to tune in to "clean" comedy, the show is hosted by Bellamy and features a star-studded crew of comedians. Perry serves as the show's "Man on the Street" co-host, interviewing and cutting up with contestants and audience members. Ford acts as the show's "Pope of Comedy" cohost, explaining the competition's scoring system and deducting points from contestants for failing to abide by the show's ground rules.



Bellamy made his national television debut on "Showtime at the Apollo" in 1990. Winning over audiences, he caught the attention of producers Russell Simmons and Bernie Brillstein, and was quickly signed to appear in HBO's "Def Comedy Jam."

After his appearances on HBO, Bellamy enjoyed a five-year run as host of "MTV Jamz" and, in 1997, made his feature-film debut in "Love Jones" starring Nia Long and Lorenz Tate. Among his many film credits are "Getting Played" with Vivica A. Fox, "Brothers" opposite D.L. Hughley, Shemar Moore and Morris Chestnut, and "Any Given Sunday" with Jamie Foxx. Bellamy is also the host of NBC's "Last Comic Standing."

Best known for his role as "Tommy" in the hit Fox sitcom "Martin," Ford landed his first television role in NBC's "A

Different World" in 1989, after graduating from the University of Southern California. Shortly after his appearance, he was cast in "Harlem Nights," starring Eddie Murphy, and a string of hit films including, "Mr. Jones" with Richard Gere, "The Butcher's Wife" featuring Demi Moore and "Class Act" opposite Kid 'n Play. Among his many television credits are "The Proud Family," "The Parkers" and "New York Undercover."

Perry is fast becoming one of the next big comedians to take Hollywood by storm.

He won over audiences with his role as "Cousin Lumb" in the 2004 film "Johnson Family Vacation," starring Steve Harvey and Cedric the Entertainer, and followed up with appearances on "The Tom Joyner Sky Show," "Showtime at the Apollo" and "BET Comic View."

He has also made appearances on Showtime's "Laffapalooza" and HBO's "Def Comedy Jam." Perry will be seen in the films "Legacy," "Redrum" and "ShowStoppers."

In times of peace and war, the USO consistently delivers its special brand of entertainment and comfort to servicemen and women around the world.

USO entertainment tours are essential to fulfilling the USO's mission of boosting troop morale. In 2007, the USO produced 74 tours and staged 453 special entertainment events, to include music and comedy concerts, autograph signings, hospital visits and movie screenings.

For a list of USO tours, visit www.uso.org/ whatwedo/entertainment/.

To learn more about the USO or to find out how to support the troops, visit www.uso.org.

AMMY THE RABBIT

visits Spangdahlem Elementary



Sammy the Rabbit and Sam Renick, author of the book "It's A Habit, Sammy Rabbit!," visits Sammy the Rabbit, the main character in the book "It's A Habit, Spangdahlem Elementary School May 12 to teach children how to be financially responsible. Mr. Sammy Rabbit!" by Sam Renick, visits Spangdahlem Elementary Renick sang songs, told stories and discussed the importance of saving money.





Multi-national exercise ends with praise

by U.S. Air Force Staff Sqt. Tammie Moore Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe **Public Affairs**

DIVULJE TRAINING BASE, Croatia —

Croatia hosted the closing ceremony for the 2008 Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe here May 14.

MEDCEUR is a Joint Chiefs of Staff regional/multilateral exercise sponsored by U.S. European Command. The exercise provides an opportunity for medical personnel to share expertise with their Central and Eastern European regional counterparts. Croatia hosted the 2008 exercise in support of the Partnership for Peace initiative May 2 through 14.

"There may come a time when we are not using moulage or simulated scenarios - though I pray our next meeting is one of pleasant circumstances - we may be forced to meet when real lives are at stake," said Col. Kevin Ross MEDCEUR exercise director. "If that day comes, I will face it with confidence knowing you are there."

The exercise began with a week of readiness classes and was followed by an evaluated response to a simulated earthquake.

"Everybody did very well," said Tech. Sgt. Mike Copland, 458th Expeditionary Medical Squadron an Expeditionary Medical Support instructor who is deployed here from the U.S. School of Aerospace Medicine. "The players spent the first day trying to figure out what

was going on, like in most exercises. The second day everyone was working well as a team and by the third day operations were perfect. That last day we threw every possible scenario we could at them and they handled it flawlessly."

Visiting Gen. Rod Bishop the 3rd Air Force commander from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, had the opportunity to watch the

military medics put their training into action the final day of the exercise.

"This opportunity to work together and practice together was great," General Bishop said. "It was a wonderful opportunity for medical people from different nations to train together and work on interoperability in a type of training event that could mirror future operations."

More than 50 instructors provided approximately 300 medical professionals 380 hours of



Croatian Army Lt. Col. Davorko Jokic, MEDCEUR co-commander, bids farewell to U.S. Air Force Col. Angela Thompson, 458th Expeditionary Medical Squadron commander, May 14 during the closing ceremony of the 2008 Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe.

education during the exercise.

The director of Croatian military forces, Lt. Col. Mario Gjuric, said the exercise was a huge success. "This was a great chance for everyone to come together and learn how to operate as one team," he said. "The knowledge shared here will save lives in the future. We are very proud we were able to host MEDCEUR and be a part of this Partnership for Peace initia-

Multi-national visitors 'check up' on MEDCEUR

by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. **Denise Johnson**

Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe Public Affairs

DIVULJE, Croatia — More than 60 multi-national visitors from 29 nations toured the 2008 Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe for Distinguished Visitor's Day May

MEDCEUR is a Joint Chiefs of Staff regional/multilateral exercise sponsored by U.S. European Command that ran from May 2 to 14. Croatia hosted the 2008 exercise which drew more than 300 multi-nationals from 15 countries in support of the Partnership for Peace initiative

The visitors came to Croatia to gain a better understanding of what their delegations were learning and sharing during the two-week exercise. The first week focused on classroom and handson training while the following week allowed for practical applica-

tion during a simulated natural-disaster scenario.

"It's obvious each nation put a tremendous amount of effort into this exercise. The combined collaboration gained in an exercise of this magnitude is

truly a force multiplier on the humanitarian response front," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Rod Bishop.

Republic of Croatia's Minister of Defense Branko Vukelic and Deputy of General Staff of the Croatian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Slavko Baric led the tour as they made their way from a short presentation to the scene of an all-out mass-casualty exercise.

The visitors were escorted through the melee of a simulated earthquake scene. On-scene medics responded to a wooded area to

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— Lt. Gen. Rod Bishop

tims before being loaded on stretchers. U.S. Air Force Col. Angela Thomspon, 458th Expeditionary Medical Squadron

> of the events, planning and logistics, while the spectators continued their walking tour amid wailing emergency vehicles. The tour continued through field hospitals staffed with multinational medical teams dealing with an onslaught of patients. Rescue helicopters and vehicles

> continuously raced to and from

the "moulage scene" transporting

150 patients throughout the day.

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commander, nar-

rated an overview

Vukelic said he was impressed with the teamwork between the nations and proud of his country's opportunity to host this year's exercise. "This type of exercise is

particularly important to Croatia in light of the fact we are collaborating more and more with PfP nations and our allies," he said. "The main task of the Republic of Croatian Armed Forces is to respond to a natural disaster or emergency in this region. This exercise is absolutely necessary to collaborate and work together

This was Thompson's first opportunity to be the lead medical officer for MEDCEUR. "This has been an exceptional experience for all of us," she said.

with our allies."

Three and a half hours after the tour began, the attendees left the MEDCEUR training site.

"I think they will all remember this day for a long time," said MEDCEUR Exercise Director, Col. Kevin Ross. "Ten days ago we spoke of building partnerships and friendships at the opening day ceremony; I can honestly say we've done that. Today I think our guests felt that kinship."



Staff Sgt. Jason Cale, U.S. Air Forces in Europe jazz band (Check Six), plays his guitar solo during the song "Boogie Woogie," at Svobody Square located in Kharkiv, Ukraine, April 19. The USAFE Band has been entertaining military and civilian audiences throughout Europe, Southwest Asia and Africa for the past 60 years.

USAFE band unites nations with music

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Amber Bressler
435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Recently, hundreds of fans filled a Ukrainian concert hall for the classical music of the U.S. Air Force's in Europe jazz ensemble, Check Six, which performed during an eight-day tour.

Some may wonder how the music of an Air Force band could attract hundreds of Ukrainians and transcend through language and cultural barriers, but as the USAFE band proves on many concert occasions, music doesn't have a language. It is meant to be enjoyed by all.

The USAFE band is one of the oldest musical units in the Air Force today; it was established by Maj. Glenn Miller. Major Miller had already reached fame writing music such as the "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" before joining the Army Air Forces in 1942.

Major Miller had a vision that through music the band would be able to touch millions of people, contributing to the military not through arms but through public support.

Today the USAFE band reaches out to all its resources making that vision a reality; resources such as Staff Sgt. Igor Pokland. Sergeant Pokland originally born in Odessa, Ukraine, is a member of the Air Force Band of the Golden West, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.,

He traveled to the Ukraine at the request of the band to perform and translate the names of the performances.

"I was ecstatic when I was asked to (play with) Check Six," said the Ukrainian native. "It has been twenty years since I have been back to my hometown, Odessa."

During the climax of the concert the Check Six performed 'In the Mood' an immensely popular song from the big band era brought back memories of the great traveling Glenn Miller Orchestra.

"Europeans, particularly those who remember World War II, have an association of the American Forces and Allied troops especially when this song is played," said Tech. Sgt. Vincent Dublino, Check Six, non-commissioned officer in charge. "I knew the Ukrainian audiences would love this song. When they hear jazz, they hear the sound of America."

After the concert it was evident by the crowd's reaction that the miles traveled and practices performed had made a lasting impression.

"We were asked repeatedly to come back because they would love to see us perform again," said Sergeant Pokland.

"This was an amazing treat for us, I love the American spirit played in the music," said Lisa Nerubayskaya, Ukrainian choral conductor student.

Performing concerts in different locations around the world over 60 years Air Force bands have built relationships through music.

"Music has an amazing power," said Mrs. Nerubayskaya. "It can unite different cultures and bring the world together."



Tech. Sgt. Vincent Dublino, U.S. Air Forces in Europe jazz band (Check Six), plays for thousands of people at the Svobody Square located in Kharkiv, Ukraine, April 19.

SECAF discusses 'culture shift' toward continuous process improvement

LANSDOWNE, Va. (AFPN) — Speaking to more than 500 military members and civilians representing all services, as well as interagency and international partners, during the Department of Defense Continuous Process Improvement Symposium May 13, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne emphasized Department of Defense officials are embracing a "culture shift."

The Air Force name for continuous process improvement is Air Force Smart Operations 21, Secretary Wynne said. The AFSO21 program is a disciplined, structured method provided to the total force, including active, Air Guard, Reserve and civilian members, to enhance quality of work life, quality of life and readiness.

Secretary Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley are "absolutely committed" to creating an Air Force culture that eliminates waste, shares best practices and reduces cycle times for delivering combat capability, the secretary said. Air Force leaders are leaning forward to adopt process improvements in nearly every functional area, and the effects are being felt at bases worldwide.

"[CPI] is working ... and people are indeed listening," Secretary Wynne said.

He offered several examples of rapid improvement events, or RIEs, happening across the Air Force. At Aviano Air Base, Italy, flight line maintainers for fighter squadrons revamped their work processes to find efficiencies, resulting in more predictable work schedules.

"By changing how we provide flight line maintenance, some of our Airmen now go home to their families a little bit earlier each day," he said. "This means that their families are probably happier. And when you have a happier family life, you have a happier Airman.

"If we do not take care of our people, then

we are not taking care of our mission. This is where quality of work life intersects with quality of life," he added.

Secretary Wynne also noted that officials at David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB, Calif., have changed how they schedule operating rooms, reducing backlogs for surgeries and improving access to medical care for military members and their families.

Secretary Wynne said Air Force officials are applying AFSO21 principles to improve situational awareness and precision strike provided by unmanned aerial systems in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said Airmen continually surprise him with new and innovative ways to extract more effectiveness from UAS orbits.

Secretary Wynne challenged DOD leaders of all ranks to empower their people.

"I have always felt that it is the goal of leaders to remove barriers to progress," he said. "We are seeing leadership that wants [their people] to identify barriers to better performance. They are going to work to remove those barriers."

Secretary Wynne said he and General Moseley are "leaning on Air Force senior leaders, including wing commanders, to produce results," enabling junior Airmen to effect change in their organizations.

"Wing and unit commanders are relying on their people to bring them the good ideas," he said. "I don't see any other way for them to accomplish what we have tasked them to do. All of our wing commanders are required to report on rapid improvement events at their bases, and they are in search of RIEs that can facilitate change."



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sqt. Monique Randolph

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne addresses Department of Defense military and civilian employees during the 2008 DOD Continuous Process Improvement Symposium May 13 in Lansdowne, Va.

Secretary Wynne also challenged the CPI community to consider how localized learning on one base can become enterprise learning across the entire Air Force and even DOD.

"If you get a breakthrough on one base, then you can share that best practice across other bases. We need you, as CPI experts, to figure out how to do this," he said.

The Fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act has directed DOD and its subordinate departments to establish chief management officers. In the near future, there will be a discussion among Air Force senior leaders about how to connect the chief management officer concept with the existing AFSO 21 Process Council, Secretary Wynne said.

The chief management officers are mandated by Congress and will establish strategic management plans that describe performance goals and evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of DOD's business operation.

Name the Tanker: Leaders seek input from Airmen

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force senior leaders are asking all Airmen for suggestions on a name for the service's newest tanker aircraft, the KC-45A.

"I prefer the name emphasize our heritage or our future horizon, but I'm most interested to see what our Airmen suggest," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne.

As the future operators of the KC-45A, Air Mobility Command officials gathered many good sug-

gestions from personnel in their units. Those submissions will be on the list of names considered during final selection. However, the opportunity to submit proposed names is now open to all Air Force personnel.

Until May 30, active duty, guard and reserve Airmen, as well as Air Force government civilians, can submit their suggestions to namethetanker@pentagon.af.mil.

Suggested names must be brief, no more than two short words.

Along with the suggestion, entrants must include a brief explanation. Entrants must also include their name, rank, contact information and duty station. Government civilians must identify their office and position.

The KC-45A will replace the current KC-135, which is the oldest aircraft in the Air Force's fleet. It went into service in the 1950s.

In the early days of aerial refueling, Air Force tankers were converted bombers such as the B-29

and the B-50. Advancements in technology in the 1950s led to the development of the KC-135 "Stratotanker." In the 1980s, Air Force officials accepted the KC-10 "Extender" into the fleet. The KC-10 is a larger aerial refueling platform which also could double for airlift.

The KC-45A will offer greater air refueling capabilities and accommodate refueling for both Air Force and Navy aircraft within the same flight.



Sports briefs

Aqua massage bed

Experience a water jet massage without getting wet at the fitness center. The new aqua message bed has 36 computer controlled water jets simulating a finger tip massage with adjustable water pressure, temperature and pulsating frequency. Cost is \$15 for 15 minutes or \$20 for 30 minutes.

Class on back pain

A physical therapist will be offering a class on recovering from back pain starting June 2. The classes will be held at noon Monday, Wednesday and Fridays in the fitness center aerobic room. The class will run until the end of June.

Volksmarch

Spangdahlem Elementary and Middle School's Fitness Center and Outdoor Recreation are hosting a Spangdahlem Community Volksmarch from 9 a.m. to noon May 30. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. E-mail ann.berdahl@eu.dodea.edu or Lydia.johnson@eu.dodea.edu.

For more sports briefs, visit www.spangdahlem.af.mil and click on "sports briefs."

Community happenings

Editor's Note: Submit "Community" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem. af.mil. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office Internal Information Section at 452-5244 for more information.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Spangdahlem Air Base in building 139 on the first floor. For more information about AA in the Eifel, call 0152-0391-3593.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

Airmen Against Drunk Driving saved 498 Airmen's lives during 2008. For a ride home, call AADD at 06565-61-2233.

AL-Anon meetings

AL-Anon meetings for those affected by someone else's drinking are at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Spangdahlem Air Base in building 139 on the first floor. For more information about AL-Anon, call Mary at 0171-948-5172 or Tammie at 06508-952602.

Scouts

May 30. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. E-mail ann.berdahl@eu.dodea.edu or Lydia.johnson@eu.dodea.edu.

•The Girl Scouts need adult volunteers to help with the program. Materials and training are provided. For more information, e-mail spangdahlemgirlscouts@hotmail.com.

•Enjoy the Eifel Summer Day Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 23 to 27 in Oberweiss. For more information call Jaymee at 0-657-590-2746.

Community calendar

To view a calendar format of base happenings, visit www.spangdahlelm.af.mil and click on "52nd Fighter Wing Community Calendar" under the customer service information tab.

Dining facility

The Mosel Dining Facility is hosting Deployed Families Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14. Dinner is open to all dependants of deployed servicemembers. We will have great kid's items. A Project Care button or a copy of AEF orders must be presented. E1-E4 dependants are eligible for a discount rate.

For more information about dining facility events, call 452-6727.

Health and wellness center

The center is now located in back of the Spangdahelm theater, building 152. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 452-7385.

Youth programs

•Free — summer dance session I runs from May 11 to June 5. Sign up at the Spangdahlem SAP building.

For more community briefs, visit www.spangdahlem.af.mil and click on the "community happenings" link.

SECAF discusses alternative energy at conference

GENEVA (AFPN) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne championed Air Force alternative energy initiatives at the Third Aviation and Environment conference April 22.

Speaking on a panel on carbon emissions with senior leaders in the aviation industry, Secretary Wynne described the problems faced by the Air Force in regard to aviation fuel.

"Today the petroleum market is controlled by a small handful of producers. This leads to higher costs and less price stability," he said.

Part of the Air Force's response has been to diversify its supplier base for energy needs. This includes seeking out alternative sources of aviation fuel and encouraging new suppliers to enter the market. "Our goal is not to become a producer of synthetic fuels. It is to provide a stable market for fuel that will entice industry to develop the means to produce it for us," Secretary Wynne said.

He said the B-52 Stratofortress long-range bomber was certified to fly on a synthetic fuel blend as of August 2007. He also said certification to fly the B-1 Lancer and C-17 Globemaster III on synthetic fuel blends is currently underway.

"The search for new fuel sources must be treated holistically," he said. "We must find the right mix of fuels that provides us with greater energy independence and meets our need to lower our carbon footprint."

Secretary Wynne said that as a consumer of nearly \$6 billion in aviation fuel annually, the Air Force considers the full life cycle of aviation fuel— from extraction to processing to consumption — in its decision-making.

Other factors must also be accounted for, he said. For instance, he encouraged the audience to consider how using biofuels on a large scale could affect food prices, land use and water resources.

During his remarks, Secretary Wynne reiterated the Air Force's goal of certifying the entire Air Force fleet for synthetic fuel blends by early 2011.

Responding to questions after the panel, Secretary Wynne emphasized how the private sector is an important partner for Air Force alternative energy initiatives. He also noted that civil and commercial innovation often follows military sponsorship of technology "mega-projects."

"Developing a process that will produce new clean synthetic fuels is an ambitious goal," Secretary Wynne said, "but we have a good track record of succeeding at this sort of project. The military has a unique ability to overcome start up costs that commerce cannot.

"From the Manhattan Project that gave us nuclear energy, to the Atlas Rocket Project that led to commercial space, to ARPAnet that paved the way for the Internet, the military has often played an important role in moving the technological ball forward," he said.

"What the Air Force is doing today is paving the way for the aviation industry to become less dependent on expensive and unstable energy sources."

U.S. sends relief to disaster

Airmen deliver 200,000 pounds of relief to China

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CHENGDU SHUANGLIU INT'L AIRPORT, People's Republic of China (AFPN) — Two Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs landed here May 18 carrying nearly 200,000 pounds of relief supplies in the wake of the devastating earthquake that struck the region on May 12.

The C-17s were assigned to the 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and the 3rd Wing at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Before 2005, C-17s were stationed exclusively in the continental United States. C-17 squadrons are now operational at Hickam and Elmendorf AFBs.

The first of the two jets to land in China was flown by a crew from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron and carried nearly 100,000 pounds of food, tents, blankets and tools.

The mission's planning and coordination was handled by planners from 13th Air Force, a component numbered air force, at Hickam AFB.

Thirteenth Air Force serves as the operational air and space arm of Pacific Air Forces and the U.S. Pacific Command, as well as the standing Joint Forces Air Component Command unit.

Having resources like two C-17 squadrons in the Pacific theater is part of what makes 13th Air Force so effective, an official said.

"We have a full range of tools to be able to assist and to support the missions of Pacific Command," said Maj. Gen. Richard E. Perraut, Jr., 13th Air Force vice commander. "This is just one of the many, many missions and capabilities we bring to the table — the joint table — to be able to support the United States Pacific Command, the United States government, the Department of Defense, to accomplish whatever missions or desires our government has."

James Thomas Montgomery, Hickam's deployment manager, said this operation was different than most he's seen because it was a collaborative effort of government organizations. Notably, supplies for the Hickam C-17 mission were purchased from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

"They postured us with all the supplies," said Mr. Montgomery. "We shuttled those supplies from their FEMA warehouse down to our facility here at Hickam. We built the pallets up, got the supplies air-worthy and put them on planes to get them to the crisis area," he said.

This is the second time this year the U.S. has provided humanitarian assistance to the People's Republic of China.

In February, a U.S. PACOM mission sent a C-17 from Hickam to deliver winter relief supplies when 19 Chinese provinces experienced the most severe winter storms in 50 years.

"The United States stands ready to help in any way it can," said U.S. Ambassador to China Clark T. Rand, Jr. "To the people of China, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this extremely difficult time," he said

U.S. PACOM officials say the focus of this humanitarian assistance mission is to provide immediate assistance to help reduce further loss of life and mitigate human suffering resulting from the disaster.

U.S. PACOM was authorized by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to support the relief efforts. The assistance is in support of the U.S. Department of State.

"The members of the U.S. Pacific Command offer our sincere condolences to the citizens of the People's Republic of China who have been affected by the recent earthquake," said Adm. Timothy Keating, U.S. PACOM commander.



Earthquake relief supplies from the United States are unloaded May 18 at the Shuangliu International Airport in Chengdu, China. Two Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft delivered food, water and blankets, which were taken immediately to earthquake areas. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, in support of the U.S. Department of State, authorized U.S. Pacific Command to support earthquake relief efforts in the People's Republic of China.



Senior Captain GUAN Youfei, deputy director of the foreign affairs office of the Chinese Ministry of National Defense, greets the first of two U.S. aircrews delivering earthquake relief supplies May 18 at the Shuangliu International Airport in Chenqdu, China.

victims in Burma and China

General discusses Burma relief posture, mobility issues

by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks 62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFPN) — "Every time a C-17 (Globemaster III) from McChord, or any of our other bases, lands anywhere around the world, it's a symbol of hope," said Gen. Arthur Lichte, commander of Air Mobility Command.

"It may be in the middle of an earthquake, it may be in the middle of a tsunami, it may be in the middle of a cyclone. It's there to provide hope for the people who see it," he said. "It brings food, it brings equipment, it brings medical supplies, and it may be taking people out of harm's way and transporting them to another place."

The global reach of McChord, AMC and the Air Force was an important and timely topic the general addressed May 15 during his first visit here since assuming command of AMC in September.

"In AMC, we can go with a clenched fist and strike any of our enemies, or we can go with the outstretched hand providing humanitarian or disaster relief, like the situation that is occurring in Burma right now," General Lichte said. "Right now we have crews here at McChord Air Force Base that are on standby, ready to go at a moment's notice if called upon to go in and provide that relief."

The 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is monitoring the situation very closely, he said. According to AMC officials, the 618th TACC coordinates

hundreds of airlift and air refueling missions each day, and can seamlessly redirect aircraft to support requirements for contingency or disaster relief operations.

"We've been called on to do this before," said General Lichte, noting AMC's role in relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina and the Pakistan earthquake in 2005.

According to AMC statistics, more than 14,600 passengers, including 3,000 patients, were moved in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. More than 7,600 tons of relief supplies were provided after the Pakistan earthquake.

While McChord Airmen conduct operations on a daily basis, none of the missions would be successful without refueling tankers. The contract to build the KC-45 tanker, announced Feb. 29, ensured that McChord C-17s will be flying well into the future.

The KC-45A is needed badly, General Lichte said, and the average age of our current tanker, the KC-135 Stratotanker, is 47 years.

"As a war fighting commander responsible for providing air refueling, I need to be thinking down the road, and we can't just keep flying these 50-year old tankers," he said. "If everything goes right, and we start with the KC-45 rather quickly, it will still take a long time to replace all the KC-135s."

He estimated that the last KC-135 would likely still be flying in 2040, at more than 80 years old.

Missions, he said, would be comparable to

driving an 80-year-old car from New York to California.

"It might be pretty tricky for you to do that and would probably take a lot of maintenance. And that's what's happening with our KC-135."

Along with air fleet modernization and acquisition efforts, joint basing is another example of Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges.

"AMC wants to make sure joint basing is a tremendous success," said General Lichte. As McChord is in Phase II, he said, there would be a little more time to continue to work the memorandum of agreement.

"We have an opportunity to learn from some of the earlier joint basing decisions and can apply those lessons learned to McChord," he said. "As we do this, we must remember that Airmen take care of airfields and we need to ensure we secure everything needed to execute this mission at this great airfield in the wonderful city of Tacoma.

"Joint basing should lead to efficiencies and dollar savings," he said. "We need to make sure we lead these efficiency efforts and consolidate where we can."

General Lichte said that flexibility and authority must be maintained in order to appropriately take care of Airmen and their families, all while preparing Airmen to deploy and execute the mission.

The mission of McChord will remain the same, he said. "But we will be working very, very closely with our partners in the Army."



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Iron Man, based on the Marvel Comic, is about a man named Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor who is kidnapped by a group of terrorists while visiting U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

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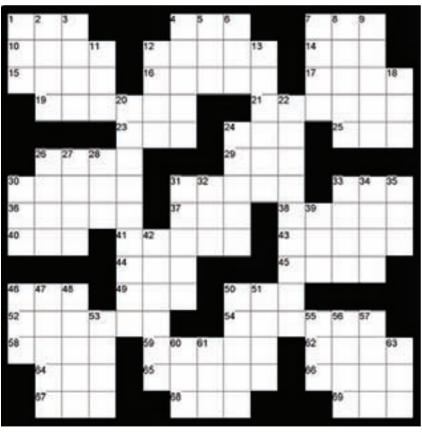
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Never Back Down

At his new high school, a rebellious teen, Jake Tyler, is lured into an ultimate underground fighting club where he finds a mentor in a mixed martial arts veteran.

After receiving threats to the safety of his friends and family, Jake seeks the mentoring of a veteran fighter to train his mind and body for one final no-holdsbarred elimination fight with his unrelenting personal nemesis and local martial arts champion Ryan McCarthy.



Memorial Day

by Capt. Tony Wickman 71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Resting place
- 4. Church seating
- 7. Kitchen meas.
- 10. Great Lake
- 12. Dealt out, as in payments
- 14. Mil. address overseas
- 15. See 30 DOWN
- 16. Criminal defense, perhaps 17. Deeply engrossed or absorbed

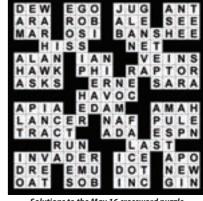
- 19. Firmly placed or fixed
- 21. C-23 23. Music genre
- 24. Actress Thurman
- 25. Hurricane center
- 26. Rover's toy
- 29. Friend
- 30. Person of Japanese descent, born and educated in the U.S.
- 33. Federal org. enforcing rules of air safety
- 36. "Green Mountain Boys" leader Allen in the Revolutionary War
- 37. Author
- 38. Oregon capital

- 41. Impressive in size, appearance, or general effect
- 43. Crown
- 44. Boy king in ancient Egypt
- 45. Ship carrying Jason and his crew
- 46. Guitar need
- 49. Lyrical poem
- 50. 80s sitcom with a puppet
- 52. The ___ Identity
- 54. Previous to; earlier or sooner than
- 58. Ireland, formerly
- 59. Gen. John A. _; issued GO No.11 declaring Memorial Day
- 62. Annoying or troublesome person, animal, or thing; nuisance
- 64. Formerly
- 65. Bread riser
- 66. Song performed on Memorial Day to remember American heroes
- 67. Raiders of the Lost
- 68. Widely cultivated cereal grass
- 69. Single name R&B singer, actress

DOWN

- 1. Provincial governor in the Ottoman Empire
- 2. Greek god of love
- 3. Sod
- 4. Coelenterate, such as coral, having a cylindrical body
- 5. Cotton gin inventor Whitney
- 6. The Internet, informally
- 7. Any of various weedy plants, especially the common vetch
- 8. Show mercy
- 9. Flower used to commemorate Memorial Day
- out a living
- 12. Early 20th Century art movement
- 13. Gloomy; dreary; cheerless
- kwon do
- 20. Site of US National Cemetery for fallen military heroes
- 22. Position for 33 DOWN on Memorial
- 24. Affect drastically or radically, as opinions or reputation
- 26. Chomp

- 27. Tennis great Arthur
- 28. Meadow
- 30. US state to first recognize Memorial Day
- 31. Sudden, almost overwhelming, outpour-
- 32. Rooster's companion
- 33. Item those honored on Memorial Day fought for
- 34. Plane or club prefix
- 35. Dr.'s org.
- 39. Part of USAF
- 42. In an impolite manner
- ; 16th POTUS' nickname 46. Honest
- _ Michael; raised funds for servicemembers for Memorial Day
- 48. More free of dirt, defilement, or pollu-
- 50. Reduce or lower, as in rank, office, or reputation
- 51. Catholics' annual season of fasting and penitence
- 53. Stink
- 55. Choose
- 56. Paper quantity
- 57. See at a distance; catch sight of
- 60. _'__ the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
- 61. Enola
- 63. Federal org. concerned with airport secu-



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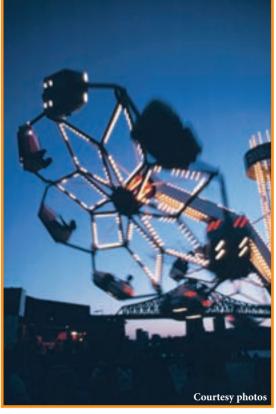
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Kaiserslautern's traditional "Maikerwe," or May carnival, starts Friday on the Messeplatz fairgrounds. The event, which runs through June 2, is known as the biggest of its kind in the Westpfalz area.

More than 140 ride owners and vendors are available for 11 days to offer their attractions, merchandise and food specialties

The opening ceremony with the tapping of the first keg of beer takes place at 6 p.m. Friday on the patio of the bistro tent. As soon as it gets dark, fireworks will be lit.

The carnival offers a variety of rides for adults and children. The nostalgic Ferris wheel "Moulin Rouge," which is 50



meters high, provides a good view over the city and the Palatinate Forest. It has a special cabin for wheelchair drivers.

Also 50 meters tall is the Free Fall Tower, where people are supposed to get the ultimate kick.

Boats are racing on the wild-water rafting facility, "Wild 'n Wet." The ultimate rush of turning, swinging and flying is offered on "Taiga-Jet" and "Break Dance."

The crystal palace, a labyrinth made of glass, offers fun and the chance to get lost. In the Bavarian Fun House, visitors can show their skills, for example in a rolling barrel.

Magicians, illusionists and jugglers will present their magic show in the "Revue of Illusions."

Children can have fun with skills games and rides in miniscooters and merry-gorounds. The skills booths offer archery, fish-

ing or throwing cans.

The "shopping street" offers shopping fun by vendors presenting a variety of merchandise including clothes, household items, leather goods, jewelry, spices and arts and crafts items.

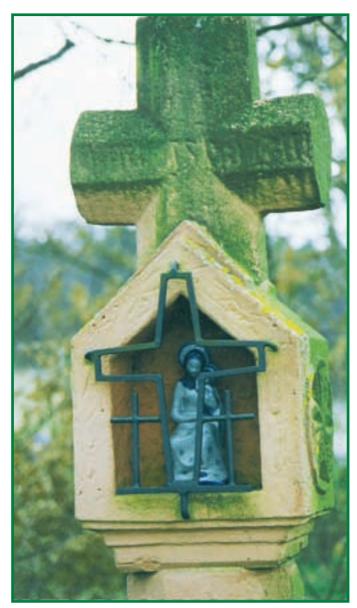
Beer gardens, the chicken tent and the bistro and wine tent will undoubtedly lure hungry and thirsty visitors.

Palatinate and international culinary specialties such as crispy chicken, ham hocks, crepes, pizza and fish will also be available at the food booths.

The carnival ends with a final fireworks display after darkness June 2.

Maikerwe is open from noon to midnight each day, and until 1 a.m. Saturdays. Some food booths and vendors will be open at 11 a.m.

Roadside crosses in Eifel spawn curiosity



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What is the significance of the shrines and crosses that sit along the roads throughout the Eifel area?

This question has been asked many times by Americans residing in the community.

The tradition of erecting shrines and crosses along roads or in open fields dates all the way back to Roman and Germanic times.

However, the Roman crosses had a different meaning than the ones built later, all having a Christian background.

Until 460 B.C., the Romans believed demons gathered at road crossings to mislead and irritate travellers and wanderers.

Calling upon the "roads gods," the locals made sacrifices and built crosses to chase away the demons.

Other shrines built at the time marked peoples' property or served as a location point for court trials.

While most of the ancient crosses have disappeared over the years, there are still a large number of Christian shrines today, which are always a symbol of Christ's redemption. Some were built in memory of diseased friends and family members.

Others mark accident locations.

Today, people still lay wreaths or flowers at the crosses in honor of the vic-

Crosses that show an engraved skull with two crossing bones were built as memorials for the dead, often in honor of a father or son who didn't return from the war.

Another category of crosses was built for pilgrims and prayers. People came and prayed here for a variety of different intentions, like a good harvest.

In the community of Binsfeld, there are two different crosses.

The first one is a plague cross, built in 1631 by a family with the name Dietzen. It was erected in memory of the family's child that suffered from the disease

For many years the community prayed at the cross to keep away diseases and epidemics from people and animals. They often sacrificed food at the shrine for the poor and sick.

The second cross, dating back to 1551, located on Georgstrasse, served as a postal station for the Liege (Belgium)-Vienna (Austria) postal route.

It was here that the post wagon exchanged horses and picked up or dropped off mail.

Not far from the former Herforst military housing area, on a forest road, sits the Wenzelhausen wolf cross

Here, many people fought battles with wolves. In celebration of their survival, the people later erected a cross.

Binsfeld and the immediate neighbourhood alone has 17 road crosses that were all built between 1551 and 1820.

Wittlich County has a total of 600 crosses, each one with its own unique history.



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